

to July 1, 1917, and declaring an emergency."

And find the same correctly engrossed.

RUSSELL, Vice-Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 23, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 7, "An Act amend Article 7805 of Chapter 1 of Title 130 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, relating to the issuance of permits to foreign corporations, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find its correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 10:30 o'clock a. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

McCOY, Chairman.

THIRTY-FOURTH DAY.

(Continued.)

(Saturday, February 24, 1917.)

The House met at 9 o'clock a. m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

HOUSE BILL NO. 53 ON ENGROSSMENT.

The House resumed consideration of pending business, same being House bill No. 53, amending the election laws, on its passage to engrossment, with motion by Mr. Spradley to postpone further consideration of the bill indefinitely pending.

Pending consideration of the bill, Mr. Spencer of Wise occupied the chair temporarily.

Mr. Roemer moved the previous question on the motion to postpone indefinitely, and the main question was ordered.

Question then recurring on the motion to postpone indefinitely, yeas and nays were demanded.

The motion to postpone indefinitely prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—57.

Beard of Harris.	Burton of Tarrant.
Bell.	Cadenhead.
Blackmon.	Canales.
Bland.	Carlock.
Brown.	Clark.

Cox.	O'Brien.
Davis of Grimes.	Parks.
Dunnam.	Pillow.
Estes.	Pope.
Fitzpatrick.	Raiden.
Florer.	Robertson.
Greenwood.	Roemer.
Haidusek.	Sallas.
Hardey.	Scholl.
Harris.	Sholars.
Hartman.	Spencer of Nolan.
Holland.	Spradley.
Jones.	Swope.
Laas.	Taylor.
Lange.	Templeton.
Lanier.	Thompson
Lindemann.	of Red River.
Low	Tillotson.
of Washington.	Tschoepe.
McDowra.	Upchurch.
Martin.	Valentine.
Metcalf.	White.
Miller of Austin.	Williams
Moore.	of McLennan.
Morris.	Woodul.

Nays—37.

Baker.	Meador.
Beard of Milam.	Murrell.
Bedell.	Neill.
Bertram.	Nichols.
Burton of Rusk.	Peddy.
Butler.	Reeves.
Cope.	Russell.
Crudgington.	Sackett.
Davis of Dallas.	Sentell.
Davis	Smith of Bastrop.
of Van Zandt.	Spencer of Wise.
Fly.	Thompson
Hawkins.	of Hunt.
Hill.	Tilson.
Johnson.	Traylor.
Lacey.	Veatch.
Lowe	Williford.
of McMullen.	Wilson.
McComb.	Woods.
McMillin.	Yantis.

Present—Not Voting.

Mr. Speaker.	Walker.
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Absent.

Beason.	Rogers.
Blackburn.	Schlesinger.
Bledsoe.	Schlosshan.
Bryant.	Smith of Hopkins.
Cates.	Smith of Scurry.
Fairchild.	Strayhorn.
Fisher.	Thomas.
Laney.	Thomason
McFarland.	of El Paso.
Mendell.	Williams
O'Banion.	of Brazoria.
Poage.	

Absent—Excused.

Bagby.	Neeley.
Beasley.	Osborne.
Boner.	Peyton.
Bryan.	Seawright.
De Bogory.	Stewart.
Denton.	Terrell.
Dodd.	Thomason
Hudspeth.	of Nacogdoches.
Lee.	Tinner.
McCoy.	Wahrmund.

Paired.

Mr. Richards (present), who would vote "nay," with Mr. Monday (absent), who would vote "yea."

Mr. Dudley (present), who would vote "yea," with Mr. Miller of Dallas (absent), who would vote "nay."

Mr. Blalock (present), who would vote "nay," with Mr. Nordhaus (absent), who would vote "yea."

Mr. Spradley moved to reconsider the vote by which the motion to postpone indefinitely prevailed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 333 ON ENGROSSMENT.

The Speaker laid before the House, as postponed business, on its passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 333, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Subdivision 60, Article 1121 of Chapter 2 of Title 25 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, adopted at the Regular Session of the Thirty-second Legislature, as amended at the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, authorizing the formation of corporations for the construction and operation of interurban electric, gas or gasoline, denatured alcohol or naphtha motor railways with power to own, construct and operate union depots and office buildings and the right to acquire, hold and operate other public utilities in and adjacent to the cities or towns within or through which said companies operate; and authorizing those heretofore organized to acquire, hold and operate other public utilities in and adjacent to the cities or towns within or through which said companies operate; and providing the method of amending their charter so as to expressly include such authority,"

The bill having been read second time on Friday, February 16.

House bill No. 333 was then passed to engrossment.

Mr. Lange moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed to engrossment, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 17 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. J. R. No. 17, Proposing to amend Section 1, Article 9, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, relating to taxation.

The resolution was read third time.

Mr. Hawkins moved to postpone further consideration of the resolution until next Wednesday, February 26.

The motion to postpone prevailed.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 19 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. J. R. No. 19, Proposing submitting a certain proposed amendment to Section 51, Article 3, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, giving power to the Legislature of the State to grant pensions to Confederate soldiers and their widows who came to Texas prior to January 1, 1912, and prescribe the form of ballot authorizing and directing the Governor to issue proclamation for said election, and providing that the election be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1917; directing the Secretary of State to publish copies of the proposed amendment in pamphlet form, to make publications required by the Constitution, and making an appropriation therefor, and also providing if the Governor should fail to issue the necessary proclamation, that it shall be the duty of the election officers in the several polling places throughout the State to open the polls and conduct the election as prescribed by law for holding elections for the election of State officers, and to make the returns thereof, as required by the Constitution and the laws of this State.

The resolution was read third time.

On motion of Mr. Templeton, the resolution was laid upon the table subject to call.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 31
ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. J. R. No. 31, Proposing to amend the Constitution of the State of Texas by amending Article 5 thereof, pertaining to the judicial department of the State of Texas, fixing the date for the election to be held hereunder and making an appropriation to pay expenses of said election.

The resolution was read third time.

On motion of Mr. Williams of Brazoria, the resolution was laid upon the table subject to call.

HOUSE BILL NO. 48 ON THIRD
READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 48, A bill to be entitled "An Act for the protection of stock raisers, farmers and horticulturists; providing for the destruction of wolves and other wild animals; to make an appropriation therefor; to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

Mr. Rogers offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 48 by striking out Sections 4 and 6.

The amendment was lost.

Mr. Metcalfe offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend the bill by substituting the following for Section 6:

"Sec. 6. And the sum of one hundred thousand (\$100,000) dollars to be used for the year ending August 31, 1918, and one hundred thousand (\$100,000) dollars for the year ending August 31, 1919, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State treasury not otherwise appropriated for the above named bounties."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Holland offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 48, Section 1, line 3, by striking out the words "or jack-rabbit."

The amendment was lost.

Question recurring on the final passage of the bill, yeas and nays were demanded.

House bill No. 48 was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—68.

Baker.	Martin.
Beason.	Mendell.
Bell.	Metcalfe.
Blackburn.	Moore.
Blackmon.	Morris.
Blalock.	Neill.
Bland.	Nichols.
Bryant.	O'Brien.
Burton of Tarrant.	Parks.
Butler.	Pillow.
Canales.	Robertson.
Carlock.	Roemer.
Clark.	Russell.
Cope.	Sackett.
Crudgington.	Sallas.
Davis of Grimes.	Scholl.
Davis	Smith of Bastrop.
of Van Zandt.	Smith of Scurry.
Dudley.	Spencer of Nolan.
Estes.	Spradley.
Fairchild.	Taylor.
Fitzpatrick.	Thompson
Florer.	of Red River.
Greenwood.	Tillotson.
Haidusek.	Tilson.
Hardey.	Tschoepe.
Harris.	Valentine.
Hartman.	White.
Holland.	Williams
Jones.	of Brazoria.
Laas.	Williams
Lanier.	of McLennan.
Lowe	Williford.
of McMullen.	Wilson.
Low	Woods.
of Washington.	Woodul.
McComb.	Yantis.

Nays—26.

Bertram.	Peddy.
Burton of Rusk.	Raiden.
Cadenhead.	Reeves.
Cox.	Richards.
Davis of Dallas.	Rogers.
Dunnam.	Sentell.
Hawkins.	Spencer of Wise.
Hill.	Swope.
Lacey.	Thompson
Lindemann.	of Hunt.
McMillin.	Trayler.
Meador.	Upchurch.
Miller of Austin.	Veatch.
Murrell.	

Absent.

Bledsoe.	Miller of Dallas.
Brown.	Monday.
Cates.	Nordhaus.
Fisher.	O'Banion.
Fly.	Poage.
Johnson.	Pope.
Laney.	Schlesinger.
Lange.	Schlosshan.
McFarland.	Sholars.

Smith of Hopkins. Templeton.
Strayhorn.

Absent—Excused.

Beasley.	Peyton.
Bryan.	Seawright.
De Bogory.	Stewart.
Denton.	Terrell.
Dodd.	Thomason
Lee.	of Nacogdoches.
McCoy.	Tinner.
Neeley.	Wahrmund.
Osborne.	

Paired.

Mr. Bedell (present), who would vote "nay," with Mr. Hudspeth (absent), who would vote "yea."

Mr. Beard of Harris (present), who would vote "nay," with Mr. Boner (absent), who would vote "yea."

Mr. Beard of Milam (present), who would vote "nay," with Mr. Thomas (absent), who would vote "yea."

Mr. McDowra (present), who would vote "nay," with Mr. Thomason of El Paso (absent), who would vote "yea."

Mr. Walker (present), who would vote "nay," with Mr. Bagby (absent), who would vote "yea."

Reason for Vote.

I vote against this bill, not that I stand for the protection of the wolves and jack rabbits, but to protect a depleted treasury.

TRAYLER.

Mr. Metcalfe moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 64 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 64, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 68 of the Acts of the Thirty-second Legislature and Chapter 154 of the Acts of the Thirty-third Legislature, and to provide that sand and other deposits taken for the raising of the grade of the salt flats in the northern part of Corpus Christi and the lowlands lying north of the north boundary line of the city of Corpus Christi, in Nueces county, Texas, shall be exempt from the provisions of said Chapter 68, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time and was passed.

Mr. Pope moved to reconsider the vote

by which the bill was passed and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 72 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 72, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the establishment, maintenance and government of two State normal colleges; providing for the location of same, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

Mr. Baker moved to postpone further consideration of the bill indefinitely.

On motion of Mr. Blalock, the motion to postpone indefinitely was tabled.

Mr. Blalock moved the previous question on the passage of the bill, and the main question was ordered.

Question then recurring on the passage of the bill, yeas and nays were demanded.

The bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—67.

Mr. Speaker.	Low
Beard of Harris.	of Washington.
Bedell.	McMillin.
Bell.	Meador.
Blackburn.	Mendell.
Blackmon.	Metcalfe.
Blalock.	Moore.
Bledsoe.	Nichols.
Brown.	Parks.
Bryant.	Peddy.
Burton of Tarrant.	Pillow.
Canales.	Pope.
Clark.	Reeves.
Davis of Grimes.	Roemer.
Davis	Russell.
of Van Zandt.	Sallas.
Dudley.	Scholl.
Estes.	Sholars.
Fairchild.	Smith of Scurry.
Fitzpatrick.	Spencer of Nolan.
Florer.	Spradley.
Fly.	Thompson
Greenwood.	of Red River.
Haidusek.	Tilson.
Hardey.	Tschoepe.
Harris.	Upchurch.
Hartman.	Valentine.
Hill.	Walker.
Holland.	White.
Jones.	Williams
Laas.	of Brazoria.
Lange.	Williams
Lanier.	of McLennan.
Lindemann.	Williford.
Lowe	Wilson.
of McMullen.	

Woodul.	Yantis.
Nays—27.	
Baker.	Neill.
Bertram.	O'Brien.
Burton of Rusk.	Raiden.
Butler.	Rogers.
Cope.	Sackett.
Cox.	Sentell.
Davis of Dallas.	Smith of Bastrop.
Dunnam.	Spencer of Wise.
Hawkins.	Taylor.
Lacey.	Thompson
McComb.	of Hunt.
McDowra.	Trayler.
Miller of Austin.	Veatch.
Murrell.	Woods.

Present—Not Voting.

Beason.	Carlock.
Absent.	
Beard of Milam.	Poage.
Bland.	Schlesinger.
Cates.	Schlosshan.
Fisher.	Smith of Hopkins.
Johnson.	Strayhorn.
Laney.	Swope.
McFarland.	Templeton.
Martin.	Thomas.
Miller of Dallas.	Thomason
Monday.	of El Paso.
Morris.	Tillotson.
Nordhaus.	

Absent—Excused.

Bagby.	McCoy.
Beasley.	Neeley.
Boner.	Osborne.
Bryan.	Peyton.
De Bogory.	Seawright.
Denton.	Stewart.
Hudspeth.	Tinner.
Lee.	Wahrmond.

Paired.

Mr. Cadenhead (present), who would vote "nay," with Mr. Terrell (absent), who would vote "yea."

Mr. Crudgington (present), who would vote "nay," with Mr. Dodd (absent), who would vote "yea."

Mr. Robertson (present), who would vote "nay," with Mr. Thomason of Nacogdoches (absent), who would vote "yea."

Mr. Richards (present), who would vote "nay," with Mr. O'Banion (absent), who would vote "yea."

Mr. Blalock moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

BILL ORDERED NOT PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. Davis of Dallas, by unanimous consent, it was ordered that House bill No. 669 be not printed.

TENDERING USE OF THE HALL.

Mr. Yantis offered the following resolution:

Whereas, Mr. Welch of the Department of Agriculture, an expert on the by-products of cotton and a graduate of the German textile schools, whose knowledge of cotton and its by-products is very comprehensive and is almost an inspiration; and

Whereas, The information he can give on this subject will be interesting and valuable to the members of the House; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the use of this Hall be extended to him this evening to address those who may wish to hear him.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

HOUSE BILL NO. 73 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 73, A bill to be entitled "An Act declaring it the duty of the owner entitled to the beneficial use, rental or control of, or in case of a non-resident, the occupant, lessee, of any building, three or more stories in height, constructed, used or intended to be used as a hospital, seminary, college, academy, schoolhouse, dormitory, hotel, lodging house, apartment house, rooming house, boarding house, theater or any place of public amusement, lodge, hotel or any hall used for public gatherings or any manufacturing establishment or industrial plant, wholesale or retail store, workshop, warehouse, office building and any building, erected by any municipal, county or State authority, wherein public assemblies are permitted, or sleeping apartments are provided on any floor above the second, to erect and fix to every such building one or more adequate fire escapes; defining an adequate fire escape as required by this act, providing for the promulgation of specifications for each type of fire escape permitted by the terms hereof by the fire marshal of the State Fire Insurance Commission; and making it the duty of said fire marshal to enforce the provisions of the act with the assistance of fire chiefs and city fire marshals, as required by this act; providing how

notice shall be given to any owner, occupant or lessee to erect fire escapes; providing remedies and penalties with regard to the enforcement thereof, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time and was passed.

Mr. Burton of Tarrant moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 77 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 77, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the Supreme Court to prescribe forms and rules and generally to regulate pleading, practice and procedure in the courts of the State of Texas; and providing that as such rules are promulgated, all laws in conflict therewith shall be of no further force or effect."

The bill was read third time.

Mr. Carlock offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 77 by adding to the end of line 21, Section 1, the following: "Including the preparation of the record for appeal, and, generally, prescribing the rules of practice and pleading in the county and district court and the Courts of Civil Appeals."

Mr. Williford moved to table the amendment, and the motion to table was lost.

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Carlock offered the following amendments to the bill:

(1)

Amend Section 2 at line 30, after the word "evidence" by inserting the following: "or improper argument of counsel."

(2)

Substitute for Section 3 the following: "The rules of the Supreme Court hereby authorized, when the same shall be promulgated, shall be valid and effective in all cases except when in contravention of some statute to the contrary."

(Mr. Moore in the chair.)

The amendments were severally adopted.

House bill No. 77 was then passed.

(Speaker in the chair.)

Mr. Carlock moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

ADJOURNMENT.

Mr. Pillow moved that the House adjourn until 10 o'clock a. m. next Monday.

Mr. Holland moved that the House recess to 2 o'clock p. m. today.

The motion to adjourn prevailed, and the House, accordingly, at 12 o'clock m., adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m. next Monday.

APPENDIX.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMON CARRIERS.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 23, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Common Carriers, to whom was referred House bill No. 494, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to House with the recommendation that it do pass, with committee amendments. Mr. Woodul has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

WILLIAMS of Brazoria, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JURISPRUDENCE.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 22, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, to whom was referred House bill No. 682, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

FISHER, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 22, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, to whom was referred House bill No. 581, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

FISHER, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 22, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, to whom was referred House bill No. 462, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Thompson of Red River has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

FISHER, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 22, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, to whom was referred House bill No. 689, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass, with amendment. Mr. Parks has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

FISHER, Vice-Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GAME AND FISHERIES.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 23, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Game and Fisheries, to whom was referred House bill No. 744, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass, and not to be printed.

BAKER, Chairman.

REPORTS OF JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 12, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 265, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass, with committee amendments. Messrs. Templeton and O'Brien have been appointed to make a full report thereon.

WILLIAMS of Brazoria, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 22, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred House bill No. 669, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Sholars has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

WILLIAMS of Brazoria, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 22, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred House bill No. 724, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Butler has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

WILLIAMS of Brazoria, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 22, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 264, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass, with committee amendments. Messrs. Templeton and O'Brien have been appointed to make a full report thereon.

WILLIAMS of Brazoria, Vice-Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 23, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 231, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Bryant has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 23, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred Senate bill No.

250, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Meador has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRIVILEGES, SUFFRAGE AND ELECTIONS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 24, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Privileges, Suffrage and Elections, to whom was referred House bill No. 717, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass. Mr. Blackmon and Mr. Butler gave notice of minority report.

CLARK, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS AND LAND OFFICE.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 23, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Public Lands and Land Office, to whom was referred House bill No. 752, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Bledsoe has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

POPE, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STOCK AND STOCK RAISING.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 23, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Stock and Stock Raising, to whom was referred House bill No. 632, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Dudley has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

McFARLAND, Chairman.

REPORT OR COMMITTEE ON ENGROSSED BILLS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 23, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 552, A bill to be entitled "An Act to fix the compensation of the district attorney of the Criminal District Court of Travis and Williamson counties, and to authorize and to empower said district attorney to appoint a deputy assistant district attorney and to fix the salaries of such district attorney and deputy assistant district attorney, and to make an appropriation for the paying of said district attorney and deputy assistant district attorney, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 706, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Henderson county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 651, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 2234 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, relating to the Dallas Criminal District Court, changing said article so that it shall be discretionary with the judge of the Dallas Criminal District Court to empanel a grand jury for said court, instead of it being mandatory; repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict therewith, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 730, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 56 of the Special Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Texas, being an act to amend Chapter 34 of the Special Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-second Legislature, being an act to amend Chapter 80 of the Special Laws passed by the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Texas, approved April 15, 1907, and to amend Chapter 71 of the Special Laws passed by the Regular Session of the Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Texas, approved March 17, 1909, and to create a more efficient road law for Lee county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 725, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Section 14 of the Stephens county road law as enacted by the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, increasing the pay of each county commissioner from two to

three dollars a day, or to an amount not exceeding one hundred and thirty-five dollars per quarter when acting as road commissioner, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 599, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 76, General Laws, 1901, to create a more efficient road system for Erath county etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 672, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Callahan county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

And find the same correctly engrossed.
RUSSELL, Vice-Chairman.

THIRTY-FIFTH DAY.

(Monday, February 26, 1917.)

The House met at 10 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment.

(Speaker Fuller in the chair.)

The roll was called, and the following members were present:

Bagby.	Florer.
Baker.	Fly.
Beard of Harris.	Haidusek.
Beard of Milam.	Hardey.
Beasley.	Harris.
Beason.	Hartman.
Bedell.	Hawkins.
Bell.	Hill.
Bertram.	Holland.
Blackburn.	Hudspeth.
Blackmon.	Johnson.
Blalock.	Jones.
Bland.	Laas.
Bledsoe.	Lacey.
Boner.	Lange.
Brown.	Lanier.
Bryan.	Lee.
Bryant.	Lindemann.
Burton of Rusk.	Low.
Burton of Tarrant.	of Washington.
Butler.	McComb.
Cadenhead.	McCoy.
Canales.	McDowra.
Carlock.	McFarland.
Clark.	McMillin.
Cope.	Martin.
Cox.	Meador.
Crudgington.	Mendell.
Davis of Dallas.	Metcalfe.
Davis of Grimes.	Miller of Austin.
Davis	Miller of Dallas.
of Van Zandt.	Moore.
Dodd.	Morris.
Dudley.	Murrell.
Estes.	Neeley.
Fairchild.	Neill.
Fisher.	Nichols.

Nordhaus.	Swope.
O'Banion.	Taylor.
O'Brien.	Templeton.
Osborne.	Terrell.
Parks.	Thomason
Peddy.	of El Paso.
Peyton.	Thomason
Pillow.	of Nacogdoches.
Pope.	Thompson
Raiden.	of Hunt.
Reeves.	Thompson
Robertson.	of Red River.
Roemer.	Tilson.
Rogers.	Traylor.
Russell.	Upchurch.
Sackett.	Valentine.
Sallas.	Veatch.
Sentell.	Walker.
Schlesinger.	White.
Scholl.	Williams
Seawright.	of Brazoria.
Sholars.	Williams
Smith of Bastrop.	of McLennan.
Smith of Hopkins.	Williford.
Smith of Scurry.	Wilson.
Spencer of Nolan.	Woods.
Spencer of Wise.	Woodul.
Spradley.	Yantis.
Stewart.	

Absent.

Denton.	Richards.
Greenwood.	Tillotson.
Lowe	Tinner.
of McMullen.	Tschoepe.
Poage.	

Absent—Excused.

Cates.	Monday.
De Bogory.	Schlosshan.
Dunnam.	Strayhorn.
Fitzpatrick.	Thomas.
Laney.	Wahrmund.

A quorum was announced present.

Prayer was offered by Rev. J. C. Mitchell, Chaplain.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED.

The following members were granted leaves of absence on account of important business:

Mr. Dunnam, for today, on motion of Mr. Sholars.

Mr. Monday, for today, on motion of Mr. Fisher.

Mr. Wahrmund, for today, on motion of Mr. Nordhaus.

Mr. Cates, for last Saturday and today, on motion of Mr. Mendell.

Mr. Miller of Dallas, for last Saturday, on motion of Mr. Mendell.

Mr. Fitzpatrick, for today, on motion of Mr. Cox.

Mr. Laney, for last Saturday and today, on motion of Mr. Parks.